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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: McLoughlin et al.
Serial No.: 09/878,715
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For: A Wellbore Directional Steering Tool

Date: 27 May 2003
Examiner: Robert D. Jones
Group Art: 3672

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

To the Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is Applicants' first response to the subject application in reply to the Office Action mailed on 27 December 2002. A shortened statutory response period of three months was set by the Examiner making the response due on or before 27 March 2003. In accordance with the Rules, Applicants attach a Petition for a Two Month Extension and include the prescribed two-hundred-five Dollar (\$205) Fee; thus, extending the response deadline to 27 May 2003.

This response is being deposited in the Express Mail Service of the United States Postal Service on 27 May 2003 along with the required Certificate of Express Mailing, thus under the Rules this response was within the two month extension period.